



## Instructions for County Lists of Texas' Special Species

The Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) county lists **include**:

**Vertebrates, Invertebrates, and Vascular Plants** identified as being of conservation concern by TPWD within Texas. These special species lists are comprised of species, subspecies, and varieties that are federally listed; proposed to be federally listed; have federal candidate status; are state listed; or carry a global conservation status indicating a species is critically imperiled, very rare, vulnerable to extirpation, or uncommon.

The TPWD county lists **do not include**:

**Natural Plant Communities** such as Little Bluestem-Indiangrass Series (native prairie remnant), Water Oak-Willow Oak Series (bottomland hardwood community), Saltgrass-Cordgrass Series (salt or brackish marsh), Sphagnum-Beakrush Series (seepage bog).

**Other Significant Features** such as bird rookeries, migratory songbird fallout areas, comprehensive migratory bird information, bat roosts, bat caves, invertebrate caves, and prairie dog towns.

**These lists are not all inclusive for all rare species distributions.** The lists were compiled, developed, and are updated based on field guides, staff expertise, scientific publications, and the TPWD Natural Diversity Database (NDD) (formerly the Biological and Conservation Data System) occurrence data. Historic ranges for some state extirpated species, full historic distributions for some extant species, accidentals and irregularly appearing species, and portions of migratory routes for particular species are not necessarily included. Species that appear on county lists do not all share the same probability of occurrence within a county. Some species are migrants or wintering residents only. Additionally, a few species may be historic or considered extirpated within a county.

TPWD includes the Federal listing status for your convenience and makes every attempt to keep the information current and correct. However, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is the responsible authority for Federal listing status. The TPWD lists do not substitute for contact with the FWS and federally listed species county ranges may vary from the FWS county level species lists because of the inexact nature of range map development and use.

Status Key:

- LE, LT - Federally Listed Endangered/Threatened
- PE, PT - Federally Proposed Endangered/Threatened
- E/SA, T/SA - Federally Listed Endangered/Threatened by Similarity of Appearance
- C - Federal Candidate for Listing; formerly Category 1 Candidate
- DL, PDL - Federally Delisted/Proposed for Delisting
- NL - Not Federally Listed
- E, T - State Listed Endangered/Threatened
- NT - Not tracked or no longer tracked by the State
- "blank" - Rare, but with no regulatory listing status

This information is specifically for your assistance only; due to continuing data updates, **please do not redistribute the lists**, instead refer all requesters to the web site at:

[http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/maps/gis/ris/endangered\\_species.phtml](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/maps/gis/ris/endangered_species.phtml) or to our office for the most current information available. For questions regarding county lists, please call (512) 389-4571.

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